

## FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

TO: DHWM, CDO File

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RE: HPM Plant 1 CRO - Progress Report (OHD 980 569 230)

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On April 20, 2005, I went to the former HPM Plant 1 located on Lincoln Avenue, Mt. Gilead, Ohio to review the progress that had been made towards removal of the containerized wastes remaining at the facility. I walked through the plant with Mr. Stan Roberts, a contractor for Mid-Ohio Sanitation & Recycling.

Upon entering the facility main building, it was immediately evident that some wastes (liquid and solid) and/or containers had been removed. But some of the larger containers of wastes still remain. Also, some sumps/trenches, not previously noticed, that contained liquid waste (possibly rain water, but not known) were photographed. The inside of the facility, per visual evidence, was in much better shape than previous visits. (see photographs)

Upon leaving the facility building, Mr. Earl Linder called Mr. Roberts and asked if I could wait at the location for a few minutes, as he would be arriving shortly. I said that it would not be a problem.

Mr. Linder arrived and we discussed waste management issues. Mr. Linder said he had received no help from Taylor Industries (financially or physically). He indicated that Taylor Industries personnel had stated, at various times, that an environmental contractor was to be at the facility to identify wastes for appropriate recycling and/or disposal, but no one had ever showed up. He reported that Taylor Industries personnel had also asked for some of the various equipment and/or materials from the facility. But since Taylor Industries had not come forward with any prior help in characterizing/removing any of the wastes, they would not allow them to take anything else from the facility. He indicated he believed the sumps/trenches reviewed on this day contained rain water, but did not know for sure. He indicated all would be reviewed.

Mr. Linder indicated that the remaining wastes were in the process of being removed. I told him to make sure he kept all of the analytical records and/or receipts from the haulers/receiving facilities that documented the quantities and types of wastes removed. He said he could get to all of them.

He said the facility was progressing with its recycling initiatives and a new drive-through recycling drop-off building was currently under construction in the former employee parking lot area. (see photograph)

Mr. Linder also stated that they were going to apply for "Ohio Bond" monies for brownfield sites. He said they wanted to eventually have the main facility building demolished with the hopes of constructing an ethanol and/or bio-diesel fuel facility. He said due to the proximity of the railroad and nearby grain facility, they believe the proposed facility is viable. He indicated that city and local leaders/politicians are behind the effort and a phase I environmental assessment for this purpose is currently underway, with application(s) to be completed prior to the end of the state fiscal year.

It was agreed we would be in contact with one another should/when questions arise.

cc: John Schierberl, DHWM, CO